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To: [John Guilfoil](#)
Cc: [Julie Flaherty](#)
Subject: (Archive Copy) Re: Arlington and Police Lieutenant Reach Restorative Agreement
Date: Thursday, February 21, 2019 3:48:31 PM

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Thanks!

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